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SUBJECT: US-UK INDIAN OCEAN TALKS

1. US-UK TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN CONCLUDED TODAY (MAY 9)
FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSION WITH UK SIDE CHAIRED BY
THOMSON, UNDER SECRETARY, FCO AND WEISS, PM DIRECTOR,
LEADING FOR US SIDE. ATMOSPHERICS WERE EXCELLENT
THROUGHOUT WITH SCENARIO FOLLOWING OUR ORIGINAL PURPOSE
OF CONDUCTING TALKS ON A NON-STRUCTURED, FREE FLOWING
BASIS WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO FUTURE POLICIES IN AREA BY
EITHER SIDE.

2. WE FOUND A CONSIDERABLE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT WITH
BRITISH ON OUR RESPECTIVE ASSESSMENTS OF DEVELOPMENTS
AND TRENDS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE SOVIET
NAVAL PRESENCE. PRIMARY BRITISH CONCERN THAT SURFACED
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DURING TALKS WERE PRESSURES GENERATED BY LITTORAL STATES
AND IN UN FOR SOME FORM OF ARMS LIMITATION IN AREA.
AS THOMSON PUT IT THIS WAS "A MODERATELY IMPORTANT PO-
LITICAL PROBLEM WHICH, IF HANDLED PROPERLY, COULD RE-
LIEVE US BOTH (US AND UK) OF PAIN LATER". IN RESPONSE
WEISS NOTED THAT ARMS LIMITATION ISSUE WAS IN PROCESS OF
REVIEW WITHIN USG BUT THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN
CLOSE TOUCH WITH UK' WHILE DESCRIBING IN VERY GENERAL

TERMS RANGE OF POSSIBLE APPROACHES IT WAS MUCH TOO EARLY TO PREDICT WHERE US WOULD COME OUT SUBSTANTIVELY, ESPECIALLY SINCE MATTER HAD NOT BEEN REVIEWED AT SENIOR POLICY AND NSC LEVELS. BRITISH SIDE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE MIGHT INDUCE MINISTERS TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IMPLYING SUPPORT FOR AN ARMS LIMITATION BETWEEN THE US AND USSR FOR INDIAN OCEAN.

3. WE BELIEVE TALKS SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE, A JUDGMENT WE HOPE WILL BE BORNE OUT IN SUBSEQUENT DETAILED MEMCON WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

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